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## Columbus Police is Investigating Armed Robberies

Columbus Police Robbery Detectives are investigating a rash of violent robberies that have taken place over the past few weeks. A majority of the suspects have been described, and in some cases positively identified, as juveniles. All of the robbery victims have reported that the suspects have been armed with handguns.

On May 3, 2019 Columbus Police Officers responded to three robberies that took place within a 30 minute time span in the Sawmill Road and Tuttle Mall areas of the city. The victims of each robbery stated that the suspects brandished a handgun and demanded either money or other items of value. Two of the robberies took place at ATM's where the victims were approached after retrieving money and robbed at gunpoint. The suspects in all 3 robberies were described as African American males between the ages of 12 and 17, driving a black vehicle, possibly a Pontiac.

On May 7, 2019 Columbus Police Officers responded to a robbery in progress at a residence. The female victim stated that the suspects, positively identified as Jayvontez Smith, 16 years old and Patrick Agee, 22 years old, had come to her home to purchase a seven week old Pitbull puppy. The victim stated that after the Smith and Agee entered her home, both suspects brandished handguns and demanded cash. During the robbery Jayvontez Smith pistol whipped the victim, and Patrick Agee drug her through her home by her hair. Smith and Agee stole cash and a weapon. Prior to leaving the residence Jayvontez Smith shot and killed the puppy.

Officers were able to locate and apprehend the suspects. Jayvontez Smith had the stolen weapon in his possession and two other weapons used by the suspects were recovered.

Jayvontez Smith was charged with Aggravated Robbery, Robbery, Receiving Stolen Property, Weapons under Disability, Abuse of a Companion Animal, and Tampering with Evidence.

Patrick Agee was charged with Aggravated Robbery and faces additional charges.



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The investigations continue. If you have any further information regarding these recent robberies, please contact the Columbus Police Robbery Unit at 614-645-4665.

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